

**Woodstock Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
July 27, 2015, 7:30 p.m., Meeting Room A**

**Members present:** P. Garrison, G. Jacobson, J. Kaeding, J. Pillo, E. Smith & L. Wesler

**Absent:** C. Adams, W. Loftus, M. Robie

**1. Meeting called to order at 7:35p.m.**

**2. Seating of alternates** – None.

**3. Approval/Amendment of minutes:** Motion to approve with amendments to DRC minutes noted by D. Fey. on the Rosenfield application. The original application was proposed for 16 lots but only approved for 15, which excludes 4 lots off Ojala Rd. and merges 11 previously approved lots with the 3 open space parcels. Approved by E. Smith, seconded J. Pillo approved by all.

**4. Chairperson's Report** – BOF approved our request for reimbursement of funds for FMP up to \$2,000 for the Perry/Quarry piece which will be brought up to First Selectman before proceeding. E. Smith will get the goals written out and brought up also so as to avoid any confusion before moving forward.

**5. Treasurer's Report:** \$914.00. Remainder of last year's budget transferred to savings account as it was earmarked for the FMP.

**6. Public participation** – None.

**7. Communications** – Copy of publication "ARCNews"

**8. Old Business:**

a. DRC Report – No separate meeting was held. J. Pillo brought up application for proposed improvement to Smith Rd. In 1988, pursuant to the Ordinance Concerning the Designation of Scenic Roads, 0.72 miles of improved gravel was designated as a scenic road. There are issues with sediment, erosion, and hazardous drainage trenches on the unpaved portion of Smith Road. An application for an activity on a scenic road (application 62507.15) was submitted. The WCC thinks the problems need to be addressed but does NOT support paving the road as it would impact the scenic nature of the road, would not be consistent with the POCD's goal to maintain the towns rural character, and would set a precedent that could impact other designated scenic roads.

We recommend that PZC and the highway dept. consult with an expert on alternatives for Smith rd and other scenic roads in town.

b. OSLA&APC – None

c. P&Z report – No report

d. Conservation Easement Document - E. Smith reported that the language in the existing document was questioned by P&Z and decision by all that a qualified person needs to be contacted to speak on such a document for all to understand before trying to move forward.

**9. New Business:**

a. Open Discussion: Celebrating AG Day is Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> and it was decided that our main topic will be Roseland Lake and all the work being done including Water Quality Testing, Invasive species control and making people aware of what a wonderful place it is. Jacobson will take the lead in pulling together the display board and reminding others of the need for posters & information to be displayed. All papers to be brought to the next meeting as it will be the last one before the event.

b. Upcoming Workshops/summaries – G. Jacobson will be attending the "CT Forestry Tour" being presented by CFPA with a goal of better understanding of our forests and how to preserve them and possibly gain knowledge to show them off and preserve them for the future.

c. Upcoming events – No further workshops were noted.

**10. Adjournment** – L. Wesler motioned E. Smith seconded, meeting adjourned 8:45PM. *Note: These minutes have not yet been approved by the Conservation Commission. Please refer to minutes from the next meeting for approval/amendments.*

*Respectfully submitted by G. Jacobson, WCC Secretary*